

understanding of the physical world we can see and touch, as well as of the distant universe, and the world of the imagination which projects like the submillimeter array make real to us.

I strongly support this legislation and I complement Representative MATSUI and the Smithsonian regents from the House, Representatives REGULA and SAM JOHNSON of Texas, for their initiative in bringing it before us.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FISCAL OPERATIONS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2000

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5410) to establish revolving funds for the operation of certain programs and activities of the Library of Congress, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 5410

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Library of Congress Fiscal Operations Improvement Act of 2000".

TITLE I—LIBRARY OF CONGRESS REVOLVING FUNDS

SEC. 101. REVOLVING FUND FOR AUDIO AND VIDEO DUPLICATION SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH AUDIOVISUAL CONSERVATION CENTER.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established in the Treasury a revolving fund for audio and video duplication and delivery services provided by the Librarian of Congress (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "Librarian") which are associated with the national audiovisual conservation center established under the Act entitled "An Act to

authorize acquisition of certain real property for the Library of Congress, and for other purposes", approved December 15, 1997 (Public Law 105-144; 2 U.S.C. 141 note).

(b) FEES FOR SERVICES.—The Librarian may charge a fee for providing services described in subsection (a), and shall deposit any such fees charged into the revolving fund under this section.

(c) CONTENTS OF FUND.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The revolving fund under this section shall consist of the following amounts:

(A) Amounts deposited by the Librarian under subsection (b).

(B) Any other amounts received by the Librarian which are attributable to the services described in subsection (a).

(C) Amounts deposited by the Librarian under paragraph (2).

(D) Such other amounts as may be appropriated under law.

(2) DEPOSIT OF FUNDS DURING TRANSITION.—The Librarian shall transfer to the revolving fund under this section the following:

(A) Any obligated, unexpended balances existing as of the date of the transfer which are attributable to the services described in subsection (a).

(B) An amount equal to the difference as of such date between—

(i) the total value of the supplies, inventories, equipment, gift fund balances, and other assets attributable to such services; and

(ii) the total value of the liabilities attributable to such services.

(d) USE OF AMOUNTS IN FUND.—Amounts in the revolving fund under this section shall be available to the Librarian, in amounts specified in appropriations Acts and without fiscal year limitation, to carry out the services described in subsection (a).

SEC. 102. REVOLVING FUND FOR GIFT SHOP, DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION, PHOTO DUPLICATION, AND RELATED SERVICES.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established in the Treasury a revolving fund for the following programs and activities of the Librarian:

(1) Decimal classification development.

(2) The operation of a gift shop or other sales of items associated with collections, exhibits, performances, and special events of the Library of Congress.

(3) Document reproduction and micro-filming services.

(b) INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTING REQUIREMENT.—A separate account shall be maintained in the revolving fund under this section with respect to the programs and activities described in each of the paragraphs of subsection (a).

(c) FEES FOR SERVICES.—The Librarian may charge a fee for services under any of the programs and activities described in subsection (a), and shall deposit any such fees charged into the account of the revolving fund under this section for such program or activity.

(d) CONTENTS OF ACCOUNTS IN FUND.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each account of the revolving fund under this section shall consist of the following amounts:

(A) Amounts deposited by the Librarian under subsection (c).

(B) Any other amounts received by the Librarian which are attributable to the programs and activities covered by such account.

(C) Amounts deposited by the Librarian under paragraph (2).

(D) Such other amounts as may be appropriated under law.

(2) DEPOSIT OF FUNDS DURING TRANSITION.—The Librarian shall transfer to each account of the revolving fund under this section the following:

(A) Any obligated, unexpended balances existing as of the date of the transfer which are attributable to the programs and activities covered by such account.

(B) An amount equal to the difference as of such date between—

(i) the total value of the supplies, inventories, equipment, gift fund balances, and other assets attributable to such programs and activities; and

(ii) the total value of the liabilities attributable to such programs and activities.

(e) USE OF AMOUNTS.—Amounts in the accounts of the revolving fund under this section shall be available to the Librarian, in amounts specified in appropriations Acts and without fiscal year limitation, to carry out the programs and activities covered by such accounts.

SEC. 103. REVOLVING FUND FOR FEDLINK PROGRAM AND FEDERAL RESEARCH PROGRAM.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established in the Treasury a revolving fund for the Federal Library and Information Network program (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "FEDLINK program") of the Library of Congress (as described in subsection (f)(1)) and the Federal Research program of the Library of Congress (as described in subsection (f)(2)).

(b) INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTING REQUIREMENT.—A separate account shall be maintained in the revolving fund under this section with respect to the programs described in subsection (a).

(c) FEES FOR SERVICES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Librarian may charge a fee for services under the FEDLINK program and the Federal Research program, and shall deposit any such fees charged into the account of the revolving fund under this section for such program.

(2) ADVANCES OF FUNDS.—Participants in the FEDLINK program and the Federal Research program shall pay for products and services of the program by advance of funds—

(A) if the Librarian determines that amounts in the Revolving Fund are otherwise insufficient to cover the costs of providing such products and services; or

(B) upon agreement between participants and the Librarian.

(d) CONTENTS OF FUND.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each account of the revolving fund under this section shall consist of the following amounts:

(A) Amounts deposited by the Librarian under subsection (c).

(B) Any other amounts received by the Librarian which are attributable to the program covered by such account.

(C) Amounts deposited by the Librarian under paragraph (2).

(D) Such other amounts as may be appropriated under law.

(2) DEPOSIT OF FUNDS DURING TRANSITION.—Notwithstanding section 1535(d) of title 31, United States Code, the Librarian shall transfer to the appropriate account of the revolving fund under this section the following:

(A) Any obligated, unexpended balances existing as of the date of the transfer which are attributable to the FEDLINK program or the Federal Research program.

(B) An amount equal to the difference as of such date between—

(i) the total value of the supplies, inventories, equipment, gift fund balances, and

other assets attributable to such program; and

(i) the total value of the liabilities attributable to such program.

(e) **USE OF AMOUNTS IN FUND.**—Amounts in the accounts of the revolving fund under this section shall be available to the Librarian, in amounts specified in appropriations Acts and without fiscal year limitation, to carry out the program covered by each such account.

(f) **PROGRAMS DESCRIBED.**—

(1) **FEDLINK.**—In this section, the “FEDLINK program” is the program of the Library of Congress under which the Librarian provides the following services on behalf of participating Federal libraries, Federal information centers, other entities of the Federal government, and the District of Columbia:

(A) The procurement of commercial information services, publications in any format, and library support services.

(B) Related accounting services.

(C) Related education, information, and support services.

(2) **FEDERAL RESEARCH PROGRAM.**—In this section, the “Federal Research program” is the program of the Library of Congress under which the Librarian provides research reports, translations, and analytical studies for entities of the Federal Government and the District of Columbia (other than any program of the Congressional Research Service).

SEC. 104. AUDITS BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL.

Each of the revolving funds established under this title shall be subject to audit by the Comptroller General at the Comptroller General's discretion.

SEC. 105. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The provisions of this title shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2002 and each succeeding fiscal year.

TITLE II—LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TRUST FUND BOARD

SEC. 201. REVISIONS TO MEMBERSHIP AND OPERATION OF LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TRUST FUND BOARD.

(a) **ADDITION OF VICE CHAIR OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY AS BOARD MEMBER.**—Section 1 of the Act entitled “An Act to create a Library of Congress Trust Fund Board, and for other purposes”, approved March 3, 1925 (2 U.S.C. 154), is amended in the first sentence of the first paragraph by inserting “and the vice chair” after “chairman”.

(b) **QUORUM REQUIREMENT.**—Section 1 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 154) is amended in the second sentence of the first paragraph by striking “Nine” and inserting “Seven”.

(c) **TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF BOARD MEMBER TERM.**—Section 1 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 154) is amended in the first paragraph by inserting after the first sentence the following: “Upon request of the chair of the Board, any member whose term has expired may continue to serve on the Trust Fund Board until the earlier of the date on which such member's successor is appointed or the expiration of the 1-year period which begins on the date such member's term expires.”.

SEC. 202. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The amendments made by this title shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS).

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

H.R. 5410 is a bill to allow the Library of Congress to create three revolving funds so that the monies garnered from various activities could be retained by the library to be reinvested in those areas.

One of the revolving funds is a gift shop fund, the other is a Federal library and information network program for products and services yielded under that structure.

I would tell the gentleman from Virginia that, because of the recent locating of the audio-video conservation center in Culpeper, Virginia, a major acquisition for the Library of Congress in a facility designed for other purposes but perfect for protecting films and audio, that any funds derived from audio-video duplicating will be allowed to be placed in a revolving fund based upon this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I would state that we have no objection to the passage of the legislation. We would particularly encourage the gentleman from California to locate other Federal facilities in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and we urge the passage of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume just to note that I did thank the gentleman from Virginia for his assistance, and I will gladly and laudatorily praise him for his assistance, but he will have to work to get additional facilities.

The one that we have is an excellent one and it is going to serve the Nation well in preserving the very volatile audio and video treasures of this country.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I urge support for the motion.

This bill resembles one that I introduced in April. It will resolve the sole remaining issue raised in the annual audit of Library financial operations by giving the Library statutory authority to operate its gift revolving funds.

The bill creates three revolving funds, one to support the Library's audio-visual duplication and delivery services; a second to support its gift shop, decimal cataloging and photo duplication services; and a third to support “FEDLINK,” the program that acquires library materials for other agencies, and the Federal Research Division, which conducts research for other agencies.

Enactment of this measure will result in significant savings to the Library and its customers by improving financial management of these programs. The Library estimates that FEDLINK's agency customers will collectively save over \$1.3 million annually through administrative efficiencies and increased vendor discounts.

In addition, the bill adds the vice-chair of the Joint Committee on the Library to the trust fund board, to ensure representation from both Houses. Finally, to facilitate the work of the Library's trust fund board, the bill adjusts its quorum requirement. It also permits the board chairman to request that members whose terms have expired continue to serve for up to a year, or until their successors are qualified, whichever comes first.

Mr. Speaker, this is a good-housekeeping bill that will save money for the Library and its customers while resolving auditors' concerns. I urge an “aye” vote.

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REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-984) on the resolution (H. Res. 633) providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4656, LAKE TAHOE BASIN LAND CONVEYANCE

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-985) on the resolution (H. Res. 634) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4656) to authorize the Forest Service to convey certain lands in the Lake Tahoe Basin to the Washoe County School District for use as an elementary school site, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.